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THE
Great Tryall and Arraignment

Of the late Distressed L A D Y,

Otherwise called the late

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Germain Princess.

Being brought to her Tryal in the Old-Bayley,
on Thursday last the 4th instant of this month of June,
before the Right Honourable, the Lord Mayor, the
Lord chief Justice of Common Pleas, the Right Wor-
shipfull, the Court of Aldermen, and all the rest be-
longing to that most Honourable Bench,

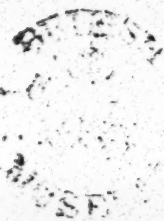
The tenure of her Indictment, Of having two
Husbands, and her Answer to the same.

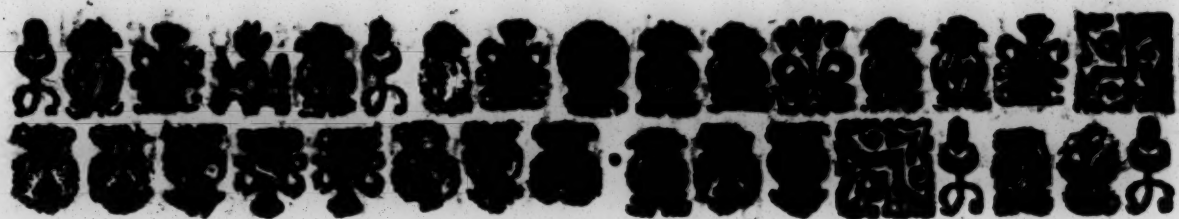
Also the several Witnesses which came in against
her, with her absolute Confutation upon each of their
evidences by her acute Wit and impregnable
Reasons, whereby she was acquitted by
publique Proclamation.

The manner ye may read as followeth.



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The Tryall and Arraignment
OF THE
GERMAIN
PRINCESSE:

IT is not very strange to any of you all, that here has lately been within the City of London a most prodigious project or wonderful cheat, betwixt the said supposed Lady and her Adopted Lord, whose name I shall omit at present, for consequently it is or may be known too evidently abroad this City of London: where the fault lay I know not, my Judgement is to stand neuter. but as for their Original acquaintance, and including loves betwixt both in matters of holy writ and sacred bonds of matrimony: I shall also forbear to declare, since for that, from Mr. *Carletons* hand himselfe satisfaction hath been given already, therefore I shall only instance and declare the manner of her tryal and the matter of her fact. accordingly as it was judiciously argued before the bench bar in the Old Baily, on Thursday last, in manner thus,

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Upon Thursday morning about nine of the Clock, the said Lady was brought from Newgate to the Old-Baily, conducted by two keepers and some other persons of eminency, where she was placed within the Bar, that is to say, not in the Bale dock; being come to the place she gave a Reverend Convey to the Honourable bench in such a grace and gallant deportment, that several spectators of that honourable Society did argue among themselves, she could be no person of any low birth and parentage; she stood at the bar at least half a quarter of an hour playing with her Fan before her Face, beholding the Bench with a magnanimous and undaunted spirit. O yes, and silence being made, her indictment was read, to which she gave great attention, and marked every word Verbatim: she was indicted in the name of *Mary Carleton*, that was after the name of her later Husband: the tenure of the indictment ran thus, That she had formerly two Husbands, the one a Shoemaker, in Canterbury, by name *William Ford*, and another at Dover, for which Evidence her persecutors had but a letter to attest it, and as for the Shoemaker, she was charged with all, there was three witnesses, one whereof swore point blank that she had been married to him above 9 years: the other 2 gave but small information being daunted in the presence of the face of justice, and more especially by her moderate and near lined expressions before the bench; *Iohn Carleton* her now husband, was the severer prosecutour against her, and the witnesses being prick on to swear against her. whether 'twas for money or no I am not to judge, but it is no strange thing in such cases, that corruption of bribes may take place before a bench of Justice. But now I shall come to the point when the Indictment was read, she was commanded to hold up her hand, and to say Guilty or not Guilty, to which she answered in a broken English,

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not Guilty my Lord: it was said again by whom she would be tryed, she answered by the Jury, and hereupon she drew off her Glove and pointed to the most honourable bench, saying, my Lords I desire you to hear me patiently: wheress there's fill'd in my indictment an honourable contract in sacred bonds of Wedlock, with one Mr. Ford a Shoemaker in Canterbury, and that I was married to him nine years agoe, and had two Children by him, to that my Lord I desire you rightly to consider, and also the worthy Jury, that I am at this present but one and twenty years of Age, which by many circumstances I might argue it, that law and nature would not grant it, though within this place it is not requisite to declare the reasons thereof, But according to my Sex, I shall beg pardon for the rehearal, at which the grave Senators admired her confidence, much more her prudence, and bad her speak on: at which words came in a bricklayer with a pretended interest that she was his Wife: but providence or policy ordered it another way, there was a fair Gentlewoman standing at the bar by her, much like unto her to whom he addressed himself saying, this is my wife, to which the Judge said, are you sure it is yours, and the old man taking his spectacles out of his pocket, lookt her in the face again, and said, yes, she is my wife, for I saw her in the street the other day: then said the Lady, good my Lord observe this doting fellows words, & mark his mistake, for he doth not know me here with his fower eyes, how then is it possible that he should now know me with his two, at which expression all the bench smiled, (again said she,) my Lord, and all you grave Senators, doth it stand any thing in reason, if you rightly behold my face, that I should match with such a simple piece of mortality: then the old fellow drew back and said no more: at which there was a great hissing in the hall, and the

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Lady all this while was silent, but stedfastly looking upon the Bench with a most courageous spirit, and a magnanimous countenance, if without reproof may I say it, she had within her cheeks a perfect vermillion, and after silence was given again, she said, may it please the most honourable bench, and with the same words as Paul to Festus, I do beseech ye to hear me patiently, which did very much argue with the bench that she was a person of no small education, and the proof of her most rare and neat accomplisht deportment did also confirm the same: and therefore leave being given her, she with a modest gesture and comely behaviour, leaned over the bar, constantly playing with her Fan, before her face as a person without blot or stain, said, my Lord, and all you grave Senators of this honorable bench, here are many witnesses come against me, who little or at least are not concerned in this my tryal, are brought hither to testify against me, but whether it be through corruption of bribes, fear of foes, or favour of friends, I am not worthy to judge, though I am confident there is not a witness appears this day, but what hath taken his original from the depth of my prosecutors purses: I hope the wise and judicious Jury will in their own private consultations make a just inquiry in the very bottom of this unjust and tyrannical prosecution which here hath brought me to the Bar, I hope of justice: at these words the Judge stood up and very earnestly desired to know the place of her descent she answered that she was born at *Collen* in *Germany*, which is very well known to be a place of rare tutoring, and so it seems indeed; for the Female Sex of Scholars in *ATHENS* hardly cou'd goe beyond her: upon these words there were five witnesses did declare upon oath, that they knew her of a child in Germany, the Judge replied at what place? they said at *Collen*, and indeed her broken English at the Bar did very much conclude it. Then the Judge asked

asked what was the reason she came for England? she answered, only to advance her Fortunes, The Bench answered, 'tis possible a woman ought to endeavour for her own interest, where fortune, time, and place gave occasion for it: and thereupon they presently gave a sentence, that she came on purpose to cheat some person appertaining to the Royal dignity, no said she, I thought not to cheat any body, though many went about to cheat me, why said another, of the bench, what thought ye when ye married Mr. Carleton? to that she answered, my Lord, if any cheat was in the business, they went about to cheat me, I not them: for they thought by marriage of me, to dignifie themselves and advance all their relations, and upon that account were there any cheat, they cheated themselves: these expressions made the bench something the more sensible of her condition, and thereupon the Jury brought in their Verdict not Guilty: and then began a great noise throughout the whole Court, and most of it was to her great applause and brave accuse wit: no proofs could be made that she had any other Husband then Mr. Carleton her now Husband, by whom the bench by their wise and good discretions, did according to the Lawes of God and the lawes of men, that he should keep her: and upon this indictment she said, my Lord, though I am acquit from all these crimes which is falsely laid against me, what shal I do for my cloaths taken from me? the Judge said, we ought not to look after that, you have now a Husband to doe it, which words struck a great terror to the persecutors, so the bench acquitted her from all scandalous matters alleged against her and she in a comely and modest behaviour departed.

